

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7507–S7651

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2174–2181, and S. Res. 345. **Page S7563**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1532, to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in committing a felony involving human trafficking. (S. Rept. No. 115–188) **Page S7562**

Measures Considered:

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, taking action on the following motions and amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7508–57**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 286), Brown motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7518**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 287), Casey motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7527**

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 288), King motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7536**

By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 289), Stabenow motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7545**

Pending:

McConnell (for Hatch/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1618, of a perfecting nature. **Page S7508**

Baldwin motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7548**

Wyden (for Nelson) motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7548**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Friday, December 1, 2017, there be up to 20 minutes of debate on each motion, equally divided in the usual

form, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the motions, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S7548**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, December 1, 2017. **Page S7651**

Appointments:

Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105–275, appointed the following individual as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: Jay Winik of Maryland vice Margaret Z. Robson of New Mexico. **Page S7651**

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 115–77, appointed the following individual to the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: Senator Scott. **Page S7651**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—289) **Pages S7518, S7527, S7536, S7545**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:14 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 1, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7651.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Randall G. Schriver, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Defense, and 275 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

FUTURE NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recommendations from outside experts for a future National Defense Strategy, after receiving testimony from Thomas G. Mahnken, Center for Strategic Budgetary Assessments, David A. Ochmanek, RAND Corporation, Lieutenant General Thomas W. Spoehr, USA (Ret.), Heritage Foundation Center for National Defense, Mara E. Karlin, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and Mackenzie Eaglen, The American Enterprise Institute Marilyn Ware Center for Security Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of M. Lee McClenny, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to

be Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, and Kenneth J. Braithwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, all of the Department of State, and Brock D. Bierman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

THE FRONT LINES OF THE OPIOID CRISIS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the front lines of the opioid crisis, focusing on perspectives from states, communities, and providers, after receiving testimony from Rebecca L. Boss, Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, Cranston; Andrea Magermans, Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, Madison; John Tilley, Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Frankfort; and A. Omar Abubaker, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry, Richmond.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4488–4507; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 636–638 were introduced. **Pages H9568–69**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9570**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 477, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies (H. Rept. 115–431); and

H.R. 3971, to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify the requirements for community financial institutions with respect to certain rules relating to mortgage loans, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–432). **Page H9568**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Palmer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9519**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9526**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Jon Lands, Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, West Virginia. **Page H9526**

Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act: The House passed H.R. 3905, to require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 643. Consideration began yesterday, November 29th. **Pages H9535–36**